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TC 1700**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231****SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications, or other information on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of the above-identified application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose. These references include the references that have been cited in the Written Opinion of the corresponding International Application No. PCT/US00/26464, a copy of which is attached.

The filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

By submitting this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

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The filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner.

Legible copies of **all** items listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner considers completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited patent(s) and publication(s) has (have) been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and
3. The citations for the patent(s) and publication(s) be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

Notwithstanding the above, the Examiner is urged to form his/her own conclusions regarding the relevance of each cited reference. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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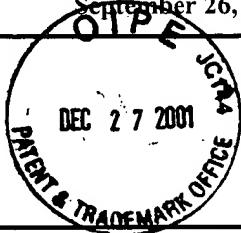
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2. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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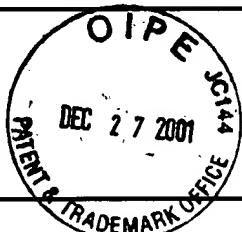
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